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water into the air, not in large bodies, but in little particles, or specks, such as you frequently see fly out of the tea-kettle when the water is boiling violently. The water, in this state, continues in the clouds till the sun sets, and then, the heat no longer supporting it in the air, it falls during the night in gentle dews, and refreshes all the lands in the neighbourhood of the river. Do not you remember, master Billy, how severely you was chidden for running in the grass before the sun had dried up the dews, and thereby wet your shoes quite through. Miss Charlotte was more prudent, and kept on the gravelly path-way.

We are very apt, my dear children, to complain when we are caught in a shower, and it is natural for us to do so, because we sometimes catch cold by it; but we do not consider of what great service it is to the grass, how it enlivens all nature, and how beautiful it makes every field and meadow look. But let
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me particularly remind you, my dears, never to stand before the fire in your wet clothes to dry them, but always pull them off, if you have any value for your health or your lives; for the heat strikes the damp inwards, and always is hurtful. Master Tommy Careless got wet through in a shower of rain last Easter holidays, and not having patience to pull off his clothes, and dry them properly, he stood before a large fire with them on, and dried them in that manner. However, he paid dearly for his folly; for he fell ill, and, in less than a month, the village knell tolled as he was carrying to his grave. My dears, what a sad thing was that to his poor parents!

Oxen and cows, and other animals of the fields, pay no regard to these rains: they stay out in them all day, and sometimes even all night, without receiving the least injury. Nature has furnished them with clothing that no weather can penetrate; while a smart shower will wet us
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